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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF KIM DAE JUNG
1. THE TRIAL AND SENTENCING OF KOREAN OPPOSITION LEADER KIM DAE JUNG HAS ATTRACTED SIGNIFICANT ATTENTION LOCALLY AND THIS EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF APPEALS FROM THE PUBLIC THAT THE US USE ITS INFLUENCE TO SAVE JUNG'S LIFE. WE HAVE UP TO NOW REFRAINED FROM MAKING ANY REPLY OR COMMENT TO SUCH REQUESTS. AMBASSADOR ALSTON NOW HAS SUCH A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT, AND WE BELIEVE SOME REPLY IS REQUIRED.
2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE AS TO WHAT WE MIGHT SAY ON THIS ISSUE IN A BRIEF LETTER TO THE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.
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